

DISTRICT 2 - COAL MINE NEAR MISS

Front View



Side View



On Thursday, January 20, 2005, two miners were unloading rubbish from a rubber tired mantrip in the pit area of an underground mine. At approximately 8:40 am a battery powered scoop exited the mine with an MSA rock dusting machine coupled to the rear of the scoop and a 12 foot x 9 foot supply "tub" chained into the scoop bucket. The scoop made a slight turn up hill and the operator lost control on the hard packed snow that was in the pit area. The scoop slid approximately 20 feet with the scoop bucket coming to rest on the frame of the mantrip, striking the two miners who were unloading the mantrip. Both miners were taken to the hospital by ambulance. One miner received a broken leg and the second miner received minor injuries.

BEST PRACTICES:

- Make sure snow and ice are cleaned up where miners and mobile equipment are required to travel.
- Have control and stay alert when operating mobile equipment.
- Be observant when on foot and when equipment is in operation in the area.